Statement

Indo-Pakistan Border

Name of State	District	Total agricultural land falling ahead of fence (in acres)
Punjab	Gurdaspur	3995.00
	Amritsar	6616.00
	Ferozpur	6602.00
Rajasthan	Sriganganagar	7599.85
	Banner	8134.31
	Jaisalmer	No agricultural land ahead of fencing.
	Bikaner	-do-
Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu and Kathua	2006.52
Gujarat	Fencing work in Gujarat sector has not been fully completed. Hence, district-wise area of agricultural land situated beyond the barbed wire fence cannot be assessed.	

Indo-Bangladesh

Fencing work along the Indo-Bangladesh border has not been fully completed. Hence, district-wise area of agricultural land situated beyond the barbed wire fence cannot be assessed.

Pushing out of passengers by Army and BSF personnel from Farakka Express

2400. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

SHRI LALIT SURI:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRIMATl SAVITA SHARDA:

SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether three Army jawans and a BSF personnel threw some passenger out of Farakka Express at Shikohabad railway station in U.P,

some of whom were run over by Sampoorn Kranti Express running on a nearby track;

(b) if so, the number of passengers who lost their lives in the incident;

(c) whether the incident has been investigated;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;

(e) whether any financial assistance has been given to the next of kin of the deceased and to those injured in the mishap;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) such incidents during the last two .years; and

(h) whether any preventive action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 23-01-2005, some persons were allegedly pushed out from Train No. 3483 Farakka Express at Shikohabad railway station. At that moment, Train No. 2393 Up Sampoorn Kranti Express passed through and five of these passengers were run over by that train.

(c) and (d) The cases of crime-on Railways are registered and investigated by the Government Railways Police which functions under the control of the State Government concerned. However, Army has ordered a Court of Inquiry to investigate involvement, if any, of any Army personnel, report of which has not yet been received. A case against BSF official has been registered by PS GRP, Shikphabad and this official is presently in judicial custody. He has been suspended w.e.f. 24.01.2005 by BSF authorities.

(e) and (f) Compensation to the next of kin of the victims is paid after a claim is filed in the Railway Claims Tribunal and a decree is awarded. The victims' families have filed no such compensation claim as yet.

(g) 17 incidents took place wherein 10 persons are reported to have been killed and 9 injured. -

(h) The prevention and detection of crime on Railways including running trains is the responsibility of the State Governments.